# In Cold Storage

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Among the possessions acquired by Miss Verda Bliss when she became heiress to the estate of Geoffrey Wadhams, her uncle, was a piece of city property she had never seen. She had been content to receive a regular, though varying income from this, leaving the details of the matter to her

"It is some kind of a warehouse," Verda explained to a cousin, "and, the lawyer has told me, it is in an out-ofthe-way locality among the river docks, and valuable only because it is adapted to the uses to which it is devoted. I have never seen it. Mr. Crompton has advised me to no so, for there may be an opportunity to sell or trade it. I am to go to the city Tuesday, to look It over for the first time."

Verda was greatly pleased at the attention and interest bestowed upon her, when she reached the office of her lawyer that Tuesday morning. The old attorney, Mr. Crompton, was most fatherly, and he tried to make Verda understand the condition of affairs without vexing that equable but inexperienced mind of hers.

"Here is the problem, Miss Bliss," he stated: "The property, as such, is shut out from all business frontage, with only a narrow courtway leading to it over a maze of railroad tracks. For twenty years the old building, a steelsheeted structure, has been used as a warehouse and elevator. Your uncle had regular clients among the canal boat and lake steamer men, and did something in the cold-storage line for a time. Since he died we have had a man named Delbridge in charge. I discharged this man last week, when I received absolute information that he was holding back a part of the income charges. We will have to find some honest and trustworthy person to take his place, go over the records, and if we learn that the peculations have been of any magnitude and kept up for years, we shall bring this Delbridge to time.

"And what can poor, inexperienced me do in such a tangle?" inquired Verda in pretty dismay.

"You must decide what you want done," replied Mr. Crompton. "I have thought it best to have you visit the property, and then determine whether you wish the business continued under n new manager, or sold out, with the returns from the real estate and the money invested otherwise. Mr. Dare," called out the lawyer, and his assistant entered the room

"Our Mr. Dare will take you over the property, Miss Bliss," spoke Mr. his back. At the rate of hundreds of Crompton, and Verda scanned closely the clear-eyed, pleasant-faced young man who acknowledged the informal introduction with a courteous bow. They were chatting like real friends rushing sea drift. Gradually the vorbefore they had covered two squares.

"You can get a better idea of the location and environment of the property on foot," explained Elston Dare,

"We seem to be penetrating a rather nondescript nelghborhood," suggested his fair companion. She kept close to her guide, for the narrow thoroughfares were congested with trucks and carts, and the sidewalks almost covered with boxes, bales and hogsheads. Once Miss Blair, glancing back, narrowly scrutinized a man who lost himself promptly as he noticed that he was observed. Dare detected a slight quiver of the dainty gloved hand hold- precious grain. Dare was pulled up ing his arm.

"What was it?" he inquired solicit-

"A man I have noticed before," replied Miss Bliss, "I am sure he and another followed me when I left the

"You do not now see the one you just discovered?"

"No, he has disappeared."

They reached the grim, almost windowless structure on the riverside, and, interested in her new surroundings, Verda forgot her previous nervous fears. Dare had a key to the great spiral stairway.

"All the rest of the building, except the little office at the top, has been used for storage," he explained.

"How chilly and damp it Is," murmured Miss Bliss, and she was quite out of breath when they reached a lit- quized. tle pen of a place holding a desk and a safe. Dare bestowed his charge in a chair and began to describe the business carried on.

"Just now all the elevator holds is some stored grain," he told her. "My plan would be, if you decide to continue the business, to resume the coldstorage department and utilize the

Mistletoe-Kiss Custom.

er of keeping away evil spirits. That

was the reason why men and women

hung it in their homes. And because so

among the peoples of northern Europe.

Meant Same to Her.

cause it was believed to have the pow- clean, don't it?"

lower floor of the elevator for shorttime merchandise storage. I am in structed to bring the books back to the office. We shall go over them ther oughly and see how far the discharged Delbridge has manipulated them."

Dare had barely unlocked the safe when the door was burst open. Three nen entered the room. "Those two!" cried Verda, paling

and arising to her feet in consternation. "They are the men who followed ne from the depot."

The third Dare at once recognized is Delbridge, the discharged manager. At a signal from the latter his assodate selzed Dare by the arms and acked him to the wall, Delbridge sicked up the books Dare had dropped when assailed. "We'll see to it that these telltale

cuments don't see the light again, he chuckled. Then he turned upon the affrighted Verda. "We mean business," he said coolly, "but you're not going to be harmed. Your friends have tried to blacken my reputation and you've got pay for it."

"What do you mean?" breathed Verla in a tremulous tone.

"I mean that I'm going to leave these parts and propose that you finance me for the journey," bluntly responded the villain. "You have plenty of money. You will give me an order or a check for five thousand dollars. I'll send one of my men to get it cashed. When he does, you shall go free."

"Yes, yes," assented Verda readily, only do not mistreat Mr. Dare!" The latter was struggling to release

almself and his two captors were treating him roughly. Do not give these scoundrels a cent,

Miss Bliss!" shouted Dare, and made a desperate effort to break away from "Here!" cried Delbridge, sliding back

door at one side of the little room. Give him the benefit of solitude and darkness till we finish our negotiations with the young lady."

Verda screamed in outright terror as the two men gave Dare a fling into dark space and Delbridge drew close the door again. Dare felt himself falling. He swung out both hands. One grazed a chain, there was a sharp click. The chain slipped through his fingers and he went downward several feet and landed on a mass resembling a bank of shifting sand.

In a flash he guessed where he wasin one of those sealed compartments where grain was stored. The close musty air was stifling. He had sunk up to the knees in the mass of Like a man in quicksand oats. his body began to sink deeper and deeper. He tried to anchor himself steady. The feat could not be accomplished. Then he noted with a thrill of concern that the mass was moving and that he was moving with it.

The grain was going down the discharge chute, he decided,

The chain he had grazed must be the one controlling the door to the chute down which ordinarily grain was loaded into the holds of boats taking in a cargo. Twice the mass nearly enguifed him. With a prodigious effort Dare drew his feet out of the gyrating mass and managed to lay flat on bushels a minute the grain was pouring into the mouth of the chute. He was tossed, rolled, engulfed, cast upwards like a feather amid tumbling, tex current lowered, he aimed to strike the side of the great bin with his feet. missed, and was whirled into the confined space of the glass-smooth sides of the chute.

Splash! He had reached the end of the chute to full not into the hold of some boat, but squarely into the river. He came up to find himself in the midst of a flood of thousands of bushels of floating grain.

"Ahoy, there!" rang out a boisterous tone from the dock, and a rope was flung him by one of a throng wonderingly viewing the strange waste of to the wharf platform, half blinded, choking, well-nigh collapsing.

"Quick!" he gasped-"some one hurry for the police."

"What's up?" challenged his rescuer. "Some scoundrels—they tried to kill They are holding a young lady captive up in the elevator office."

Contrary to their designs, the scheming Delbridge and his confederates were led out of the building handcuffed by the emissaries of the law. Miss Bliss clung to Dare's arm in feverish, almost hysterical agitation.

She shuddered as Dare recited his padlocked door. He turned on the uncanny experience. She was solicitous electric light. It illuminated a dark and kindly, more than friendly, as they proceeded back to the lawyer's office, Wise, observant Samuel Crompton smiled quietly to himself as he heard

what had happened. "My client will soon have a husband to look after her affairs," he solllo-

And he was right.

Shower Bath and Massage. A Texan is the inventor of a combined shower bath and massage machine, brushes being revolved by an

electric motor against a person standing within a tall cylinder into which water is sprayed. 

the word itself. A few days later her One of the old mistletoe beliefs was mother was scrubbing the porch and that originally the plant had itself she came out with her little broom, and been a tree, and that it was from that after scrubbing vigorously for a few tree that the holy cross was made, minutes she leaned over on her broom, The mistletoe became popular with the | drew a long breath, and said: "It takes ancients of Europe, states a writer, be- lots of shoulder water to get this porch

Coconuts All Year 'Round. Across Lake Worth, from West many people hung it in their homes to | Palm Beach, Fla., is Palm Beach, situkeep away evil spirits it came to stand ated on a strip which extends along as a symbol of hospitality. Many ef- the Atlantic ocean for many miles. The forts have been made to trace the ori- world famous Royal Poinciana, one of gin of the connection of mistletoe with the world's largest hotels, and the kissing, but the many explanations re- Palm Beach hotel, both face Lake sulting from those researches are far Worth. The shores of the lake for from being clear and convincing. The miles are fringed with stately coconut mistletoe-kiss custom is very old trees, always in bearing.

A Silly Question. When the blcycle was at the height The little fairy of a home had heard of its popularity one of the comic pasomeone say that the man who did the pers had a squib in which a neighbor plastering didn't use enough elbow was represented as asking of a fivegrease, and had asked what it meant, year-old, "Can your baby sister walk and was told that he did not bear down yet, Johnny?" "Walk?" responded hard enough. The meaning seemed to Johnny, scornfully, "I should say not. lodge in her mind more forcibly than | She can't even ride a bicycle yet."

### WLADEK ZBYSZKO WINS HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF WORLD



Wladek Zbyszko holding the gold belt, the token of the heavyweight wrestling championship of the world, which he won by defeating all the contestants in the tournament which just closed in New York.

The "Mighty Pole," as the new champion is known, weighs 232 pounds and stands six feet one-half inch tall. He has been endowed physically with every advantage a wrestler could ask, even to the bullet-shaped head.

### JINGLES OF SPORT

"Strangler" Lewis beats other wrestlers with the hend hold. He would have a fat chance beating some ball players with the same hold.

Johnny Evers ought to make a good scribe for the umpires of to lay off of. St. Paul paper once wired Bill Friel, manager of the club:

"File 400-word story today's game. Bill wired back:

"Can't cut it. I only know 200 words! Magnates may cut salaries. but the players will get part of

training trip.

it back enting on the spring of

### SHERROD SMITH NOW SERVING UNCLE SAM

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Sherrod Smith, pitcher of the Brooklyn Nationals, has callsted in the army and is now stationed at Camp Gordon, Atlanta. Smith is the fourth Brooklyn pitcher to enter the service Miljus and Cadore were drafted and Pfeffer enlisted in the navy. Brooklyn of them veterans-Coombs, Chency and Marquard.

### TAKES UP PHYSICAL TRAINING

Japanese Exponent of Jiu Jitsu Wrestling Here to Study American Method of Instruction.

ture world's athletic competition.

### ELECT FEITNER AS CAPTAIN WILL ASSIST CAMP SPORTS

Rutgers Football Team for Year of 1918.

William A. Feitner, a junior, has tion crops.

Billiard Players Help. Philadelphia room keepers, in order to ald the billiard players' ambulance fund, have decided to give 10 per cent of the receipts each Wednesday during the term of the campaign.

University of Nebraska athletic department has donated \$7,000 to the Red butions. Scudder Earns the Straps.

Nebraska Gives \$7,000.

Larry Scudder, one-time Penn and New York A. C. star runner, has gaintrack sports. ed a lientenancy

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Few Boxers of Present Day Resort to Punch Made Famous by Late Bob Fitzsimmons.

An old-timer enjoying a ringside seat at one of the boxing shows that took place a short time ago was heard to remark: "I wender how it is that the present-day boxers so rarely make use of the solar plexus punch? I can remember several years ago that this blow was often employed to bring about a decisive victory."

The old-timer was right. Few boxers nowadays strive for victory by scoring a blow to the body. Like every other profession or sport that progthe boxing game has also progressed. The boxer of today knows that he can get quicker results by landing a solld punch on his opponent's jaw. Beddes, he does not have to fear getting himself into a "jab" with the department of public safety, as it rarely happens that serious injury results from a wallop on the law, while on the other hand a punch to the solar plexus hurts, and hurts deep.

The quick, decisive boxer is the fellow who today invariably stops his adversaries with wallops to the jaw, such Jockey. as Johnny Kilbane and Benny Leon-

### RETURN OF GOLF AND TENNIS

Championships Discontinued in 1917 on Account of War May Be Resumed This Year.

Look out for golf and tennis championships next year. That's the word which comes from men close in touch with the national associations, and it nny he regarded as final.

Championships were discontinued for patriotic reasons, but as the season wore on in 1917 it was renlized that the matter had been a little too vividly drawn and that the holding of championship matches would not be unpatriotic, even though some of the best contestants in both sports would be unable to compete on account of military duties.

The first definite action may be expected when the Southern Golf association meets within a short time. It s expected that this association will plan for the 1918 season on an antevar basis. If this is done, it is quite likely the other associations will all into line.

### DURACK TO VISIT AMERICA

Negotiations Have Been Concluded for Visit of Australian Swimmer to This Country.

William Unmack of San Francisco, formerly an official of the Pacific A. is now left with only three twirlers, all A. U., authorizes the statement that negotiations have been concluded for the visit to this country of Miss Fannie Durack, the famous Australian swimmer, who holds nearly all the world's records for women. It is quite surprising news, for only a few weeks ngo cables from Sydney, New South Wales, announced the departure of Miss Durack for "somewhere at the H. Okabe, an exponent of the jiu front" as a Red Cross nurse. Unmack, fitsu style of wrestling, will take up a however, is positive in his statement. course of physical work under direc- He asserts that the Australian mertion of Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, director maid will land in California about of physical education at the University June 12, and that he has already bookof Pennsylvania. Okabe was sent as a ed her for several meets on the coast. representative of the University of He is now endeavoring to secure dates Japan to study the American method for her in the middle West and East, of physical instruction. It will be part so that she may tour the United States of the preparation of athletes for fu- and try conclusions with the fair champions of all districts.

Quarterback Is Selected as Leader of Active Campaign Started to Encourage Athletics and to Raise Money for Equipment.

to begin.'

The American Athletic union has been elected captain of the Rutgers started an active campaign to encourfootball team for 1918. He is a quar- age athletics at the army and navy terback. Kenneth Rendall, captain of training camps and to raise money for this year's team, has left college to equipment. Charles A. Dean of Chicallst in the United States naval avia- eago, new manager of the union, is described as "a live wire carrying 10,000 volts," and he is demonstrating his right to that title. "The biggest things are the army and navy camps," he says, "and there is where we are going

Cut Out Stalling Tactics. Milwaukee and Wisconsin boxing bouts will require contestants to cut out stalling tactics in future events. otherwise the purse will be forfeited Cross, and is to make further contri- by the boxer at fault and the money given to charity.

What Do They Do? Weslevan college (Conn.) have dis-

### JOHNNY M'TAGGART MADE GOOD QUICKLY

Jumped From Messenger to Great Jockey in Short Order.

Famous Little Rider Quit Delivering Messages to Mount Horse When Older Brother Was Incapacitated-Won His Race.

Little Johany McTaggart, considered by many followers of racing the best jockey since the great Tod Sloan quit riding the gallopers, began his struggle in the big work-a-day world as a messenger boy.

Johnny was born on Manhattan Island, and from an humble beginning as an A. D. T. Mercury he drifted into the racing game, where in four years' time he has worked his way into the jockey major league. Johnny, of course, got his inspiration to become a jockey from his brother, Tom, and although Tommy is a great jock, his younger brother has passed him in the matter of riding winners.

The old saw about good horses making good Jockeys may be all right, but according to Johnny McTaggart, the good jockeys can ride poor horses to victory, as he has done so many

Riding under the colors of R. T. Wilson, and piloting such horses as the great Campfire, which won nearly \$50,000 for his owner last year, Mc-Taggart holds the hopes and fears of those who follow Wilson's colors every time he mounts a horse.

He was seventeen years old when he first started out as a jockey, and he scaled at 99 pounds. Today, with four years added to his age, he can make 103 pounds and still be strong His first race at Belmont Park, will always stand as one of the most remarkable performances. Johnny was at the track with his brother, Tommy, who was to ride August Belmont's Mission.

For some reason Tommy could not ride that day, and Johnny put on the colors to see how he would look in them, Louis Fuestal, trainer for Belmont, intended to scratch the mare, when he spied Johnny and when Johnny pleaded to be allowed to take his brother's place Fuestal consented and sent him to the post with the remark that "she has no chance, any-

One of Whitney's horses, Prince Eugene, was a 1 to 8 choice in the race, and the Belmont mare was quoted in the 10s. When the horses dashed under the wire there was little Johnny, riding Mission at the front of the bunch, and then and there the A. D. T. lost a mighty good messenger boy and the racing world won a star

The following year Johnny McTaggart ranked first among the winning jockeys of the country, and, although he fell down in 1915 and was second to Frank Robinson in 1916, he piloted his mounts to victories which brought the total of his winnings to \$156,000.

### JIMMY CLABBY CHAMPION FIGHTER IN AUSTRALIA



James Clubby of Fiammond, Ind., has just received a letter from his son, Jimmy, in Australia, stating that he now is benyyweight champion of the Antipodes, having recently won a decision over Albert Lloyd in a 20-round

Records Won by Gotch. The late Frank Gotch holds several records as wrestling champion. He tossed Stanislaus Zbyszko to the mat in six and a quarter seconds, the shortest bout on record. For endurance his first bout with George Hackenschmidt is another record.

Date for Penn-Cornell Game.

After a quarter of century the annual Penn vs. Cornell gridiron game will no longer be staged on Thanksgiving day in 1918. The colleges have ngreed to meet Saturday, November 23, at Franklin field.

### SPORTING JINGLES

Ban Johnson is not the most popular guy in the American league. Ty Cobb made 225 hits this year. Harry Gerrmann will not be

candidate for chairman of the national commission in 1950. Take in a wrestling tourney if you don't believe 400 pounds of cheese can make an awful

Looks as though the International league will have a playless senson in 1918. Since the Frawley lay cashed

in, New York fight promoters are observing many eatless days.

Plans to Honor Golfers.

An honor roll for devotess of the ancient game is desired by the United States association. The idea is to have a list ready by annual meeting continued lawn tennis, swimming and date of not only those who have joined the service, but their rank as well.



HIS IDEA



"Hard luck again," "Why so?" "Just got hit with a horse and cart; when it might have been an automo-

Is It Not!

It's easy to say what another should do In the struggle for glory or pelf; But when the same problems are put up Ain't it hard to decide for yourself?

Of Course. "There's one thing I'd like to know, snid Mrs. Dubwaite. "Well, my dear?" replied Mr. Dub-

"Why is it that when you leave the house for your office in the morning you get there in about twenty minutes, but when you leave the office at night to come home it takes you anywhere from forty-five minutes to three hours

to get here?" "Why-er-that's easily explained. Toward the close of day obstacles are cumulate."

Time to Concentrate. "Why. I fell in love with first one girl and then another before I got mar-

rled," said the susceptible young man. "I scattered my affections all over the "That is all right, son," replied the elderly philosopher, "Nobody will obfect to what you did then, just so you broke yourself of the scattering habit

on your wedding day."

Superb Strategy. "Have you any geniuses in this

town?" "I don't recall but one just now. "Poet, painter or musician?" "No. He's a chap who contrives to stay illuminated week in and week out, despite the fact that this town

is dry." The Right Advice. said when I asked her if I was in the market for matrimonial considera-

tion?" "What did she say?" "That I must go to Par before she could take any stock in my proposi-

# MORE CLASSY



sunset tonight, Mrs. De "Lovely

Swell?" "Mercy, I never look at an American sunset! They're so much more classy over in Italy, don't you know."

### Long Winded.

"Let's go." "No. Let's wait a while longer, I believe the orator is reaching his pero-

ration." "You're mistaken. That's his handkerchief he's reaching for. He'll mop his brow with it and start all over again."

Not That Kind. "Sir, your son made an assevera-

"Bless the boy! He's always making some kind of an invention."

Outmatched.

"Do you think the widow is setting her cap for him?" "No; she tells me he is clever but impossible." "Mercy! If the widow finds him im-

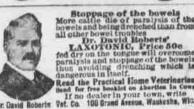
possible, he must be clever." A Mild Rebuke. "Judging from the pictures of Miss Decollete in that society paper, she is in urgent need of being taken to a

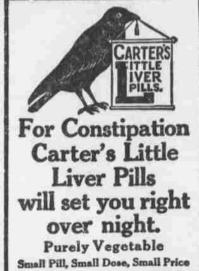
"For what reason?" "To have her cuts dressed."

hospital."









### Carter's Iron Pills Will restore color to the faces of

those who lack Iron in the blood,

as most palc-faced people do.

TRIAL TRIP BY MOONLIGHT Engineer Wanted Secrets of Locomo-

tive Kept, and He Didn't Know How to Run It. An interesting incident of the first Canadian railway, which ran from Laprarie on the St. Lawrence river to St. Johns on the Richellen, under the name of the Champlain & St. Lawrence railway, is related in Prout's Railways of

Canada. .The first locomotive used on the line segme from Europe, accompanied by an engineer who, for some unexplained reason, had it caged and secreted from public view. The trial trip was made by moonlight in the presence of a few interested persons, and It is not de scribed as a success. Later, the imported engineer made several attempts to set the kitten-for such was the aickname applied to this pioneer locomotive-in motion toward St. Johns, but in vain; the engine proved refractory, and horses were temporarily sub-

siltuted for it. Meanwhile, the railway officials called in a practical engineer from the United States, who announced that the engine, which was thought to be hopelessly unmanageable, was in good order and required only plenty of wood and water. His opinion proved cor-"What do you suppose Miss Pert | rect, for after a little practice the engine attained the extraordinary speed of 20 miles an hour,-Youth's Companion.

### The Glory of Science.

The University of California scientists are said to be making important strides in the invention of machinery and the compounding of chemicals, between 20 and 30 men being constantly engaged on intricate problems of this nature. The beauty of this work is that the results of these efforts will be of value to America. Every invention wrought and every scientific fact discovered can be turned to utilitarian ad-

A Little Early.

The Mouse-What's he trouble, Jack? Jack in the Box-Oh, just a little spring lassitude; that's all.



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ciate the change

resulting from a

INSTEAD of COFFEE.

Such a delicious drink makes the change easy and better nerves make it a permanent one.

"There's a Reason"